

NPU-J Meeting Minutes

Regular Body Meeting

03/23/2021 | 7:00 PM | Virtual Zoom Meeting



Meeting Called to Order: 7:08 PM by Elizabeth Thompson (Chair)

Officers in attendance: Ashley Sanchez (Vice Chair), Tim Cook (Secretary), Marybeth Edgecomb (Treasurer), Toni Sutton (Assistant Secretary), Virgil Penny (Parliamentarian)

Quorum Established: 59 Members Present

February regular meeting minutes approved by unanimous consent

Motion: to approve the agenda

Made by Ashley Sanchez, Seconded by Virgil Pennie

Motion carried by unanimous consent

Agenda Items:

Voting Matter:

Motion to give the Executive Board authority to:

- File paperwork necessary to become a 501(c)4 social welfare organization
- File for nonprofit status, if available and applicable
- Open a bank account that will be used to collect and dispense NPU funds so as to no longer comingle NPU funds with any funds from any other entity
- Spend up to \$200 in fees to accomplish necessarily filings.

Made by Marybeth Edgecomb, Seconded by Virgil Pennie

Discussion: There will be 2 signatories required for disbursement of funds. Miss Rhoda recommended that the Secretary be included as a backup signatory. No comments were made against the motion.

Motion to Approve carried by counted vote of 22 For, 1 Against, and 5 Abstentions

CDP-21-013: Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance. Presenter: Darien Dunn (no presentation)

An ordinance to amend the Land Use element of the 2016 Atlanta Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) so as to redesignate property located at 480 South Evelyn Place NW from the Low Density Residential 0-8 Units per acre (LDR 0-8 u/a) Land Use Designation to the Low Density Residential 9-16 Units per acre (LDR 9-16 u/a) Land Use Designation and for other purposes (Z-20-084).

Motion to Approve CDP-21-013

Made by Gerard Latimore and Seconded by Ronald Ramsey

Discussion: Explained that this land use change is connected with rezoning application Z-20-084, already approved by NPU-J in January. This land use change would normally accompany the rezoning request, but was not presented at that time. No comments were made against the motion.

Motion to Approve carried by counted vote of 18 For, 1 Against, and 6 Abstentions

Presentations/Announcements:

Atlanta Police Department Zone 1: Jill Word - Zone 1 Inspector (jword@atlantaga.gov) and (zone1precinct@gmail.com) Cell # 470-462-9035
Clean Car Campaign – prevent theft, keep your cars cleaned out, leave nothing in your cars, don't leave them running.

Coffee With a Cop upcoming dates, contact Jill Word if interested:

- Monday, April 19th, 2021 (10-11:30am)
- Thursday, April 22, 2021 (10-11:30am)
- Thursday, May 6th, 2021

Officer Zigite – Crime Rates in zone 1

Crime is still going down, -21% last year. Main issue still car break-ins.

Police Department is hiring!

Atlanta Fire Rescue: No Representative

Code Enforcement: Officer Parham, Cell: 404-295-6045, tparham@atlantaga.gov

Still mostly teleworking, but cases are moving. Please reach out

Public Works Solid Waste Education & Enforcement Team (SWEET): Officer Francis
contact info: 404.330.6236

Covid-19 temporary solid waste collection service, recycling and yard waste will be collected on alternating weeks. Collections Schedule available online. Unsure of end date.

Can bring extra yard waste to 2175 James Jackson Pkwy weekdays 7:30-4:00

City Solicitor: Kierra Potter, Assistant Solicitor, Kpotter@atlantaga.gov, 470-421-2812

If you missed a court date, contact her. Diversion program: if you have a ticket that is screened for diversion, contact them to get it dismissed.

Department of Watershed: Kim Davis, Office of Communication and Community Relations, 678-521-1590, kcdavis@atlantaga.gov
Toilet Rebate Program – \$50 and \$100 rebates for installing new, low-flow toilets.
Consider getting an irrigation water meter to save money if you do outdoor watering, contact DPW.

Department of Customer Service (ATL311): Shantre LittleJohn
New system on the web portal. Can create an account to let you track status of all your service requests and pay your water bill.
Report municipal issues by dialing 311 or using the ATL311 phone app, visit atl311.com, or email atl311@atlantaga.gov

Councilmember Hillis' Office: Alan Holmes, 404-330-6044

Food distribution event happened today.

City Council passed some legislation that will put about \$100M TAD funding toward Beltline dev

City Council passed the short term rental legislation which requires property owners to register – Fee of \$50 for registration, will subject to hotel/tourism tax, \$500 fine for non-registration.

FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) will reimburse funeral costs of up to \$7k for families who have lost loved ones during the Pandemic. Go to their website for application.

Councilmember Brown's office: Vonda Malbrough, ymalbrough@atlantaga.gov or 470-829-4456

Office is analyzing requests for traffic calming measures:

Accepted: Tiger flowers Dr, Wadley St (expediting study)

Failed: Carver drive and Morehouse Dr failed, and Boone also not eligible.

Still working: Detroit Ave.

Councilmember Bond's Office: Dana Dodds, mbond@atlantaga.gov or 404-330-6770

Community Clean Up - https://1drv.ms/u/s!A1_SFkFa0LwcmV0LW5bKjEFGpNma?e=a6Cwmb

Grocery Give Away - https://1drv.ms/u/s!A1_SFkFa0LwcmVPMvBML6mb5sZ2U?e=qDYSIf

Town Hall with Councilmember Bond – Last Thursday in April.

Fulton County Commissioner Hall's Office: Anita Harris, Director of Legislative and Community Affairs for Fulton County District 4, 404.312.6222 or Anita.Harris@fultoncountyga.gov

Applications for rental assistance are closed, but more funding may come.

Pushing state legislators for an eviction moratorium

COVID Vaccinations – All adults now eligible – Schedule at <https://gta-vras.powerappsportals.us/>

Food Deliveries still happening every Thursday. If in need, contact her.

Planner's Report: Chido Baker

Upcoming NPU University courses, visit www.npuatlanta.org/npuucatalog or call 404.546.0158.

April 8th 6-8pm – Worksource Development, April 11th 6-8pm - Intro to Invest Atlanta, April 19th 6-8pm – Parliamentary Procedure

New Tree Protection Ordinance in the works

To report unpermitted construction activity, email CodeBustersDCP@atlantaga.gov or call 404.865.8550. More info:

<https://www.atlantaga.gov/Home/Components/News/News/13482/1338>

For information on the 2021 design awards bit.ly/UDCAwards

For public hearings or other department info: <https://www.atlantaga.gov/government/departments/city-planning>

Follow NPU voting activity on the NPU Dashboard: <https://www.npuatlanta.org/npu-dashboard>

For info on the CDP, visit www.atlcitydesign.com/comprehensive-development-plan

Urban Planning and Management, Carter Coleman

Police Reform and Law Enforcement Survey www.surveymonkey.com/r/ATLPoliceReform

Looking for feedback on perceptions and needs for policing

Need responses from all areas of City!

Committee Updates:

Bylaws Committee – Ashley Sanchez, ashcapitalholdings@gmail.com

Held first meeting. Discussed with treasurer process for NPU-J registering as a 501c4.

Went over proposed amendments from last year, will be voted on next month:

- Article 3 section 1 - No member will have more than 1 vote
- Article 4 section 1 – Afford the first opportunity for making a motion on matters of zoning, alcohol licensing or special permits to the affected neighborhood
- Article 4 section 8 – 1) Bylaws shall clarify whether candidates for office can be officers in a neighborhood association, 2) Secretary should make available a list of eligible candidates for office 3) Open floor for nominations at September meeting, 4) Encourage nominees from each Neighborhood 5) Clarify whether nominees can serve on the nominations committee
- Article 5 section 1 – Meetings may be held virtually
- Article 5 section 2 – Chair will provide notice of meetings to all previous attendees and will make efforts to contact those without email access.

Still seeking representatives from each neighborhood!

Neighborhoods:

Center Hill – Rolanda Powell

Meetings are first Thursday, next is March 4th at 6pm!

Dixie Hills – Derrick Green

Meetings 2nd Tuesday, 6:30PM. Starting a Strategic Planning Committee in their neighborhood

Grove Park – Brandon Pierre-Thomas

Meetings 1st Tuesday, 7PM. Link for Zoom on GPNA's website.

Harvel Homes – Nanella Graham

Meetings 1st Tuesday of month.

Penelope Neighbors – Anissa Ferrell

Covid testing and food distribution in conjunction with District 3 Brown and Fulton County Natalie Hall's office. April 17th 10am-12:30pm at Penelope and Blayton Circle

West Lake – Ruth McFall

Starting monthly meetings - 3rd Monday at 6pm – See our Facebook and Nextdoor groups!

Old Business:

Derrick Greene – Brought back up the letter to city to request they honor the 2019 NPU grant award. Never got addressed at the March Executive Committee. Will be addressed at April Exec. Committee

New Business:

YWCA: Ottavia Lang, Community Resource Advocate

New Digital Skills Academy where we are offering an 8-week course, 100% virtual for 25 participants. Laptops provided. Wifi Provided.

Certification at the end. Deadline for applications April 8th. Application here: www.tinyurl.com/ywcadigitalacademy

Allen Temple Church - Irene Morns

COVID-19 Vaccination Site at the church on March 13th 10-2pm, email pastor @ Mrenie02@yahoo.com. 404-293-0608. 1625 Joseph E Blvd. N.W. Atlanta Georgia 30314

Meeting Adjourned: 8:49PM